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February 27, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

**RE: Notice of Provision of Consumer Broadband Only Loop Service on a Permissive
Detariffed Basis**

Ronan Telephone Company – SAC 482252

CC Docket No. 02-33

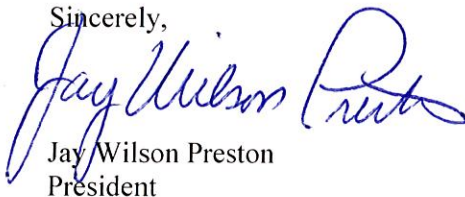
Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with the FCC's 2016 *Rate of Return Reform Order*,¹ Ronan Telephone Company is hereby providing the FCC with the attached notice of the Company's election to Provision its consumer broadband only loop service on a permissively detariffed basis, effective April 1, 2017. In addition, following the notice to the FCC is the notice that Ronan Telephone Company furnished its customers of this change.

A copy of this notice is also being sent to the Montana Public Service Commission, the Governor of Montana, and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jay Wilson Preston
President

Attachment

¹*Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities, et al.*, Universal Service Obligations of Broadband Providers, CC Docket No. 02-33, WC Docket No. 05-271, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rule Making, 20n FCC Rcd 14853 (2005), FCC 05-150 (Rel. September 23, 2005), Wireline Broadband Order, FCC 16-33 (rel. Mar. 30, 2016, para. 193 (*Rate of Return Reform Order*)).

**Ronan Telephone Company
Study Area Code 482242**

**Notice of Provision of Consumer Broadband Only Loop Service On A
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The Federal Communications Commission in its March 30, 2016 Rate of Return Reform Order established revised cost allocation procedures to provide support for broadband-capable network loop costs. Therein, the Consumer Broadband Only Loop (CBOL) rate was established as a means of recovering a portion of the loop costs associated with providing broadband only service. The Federal Communications Commission afforded carriers the option of tariffing the rate in their interstate common line tariff, or to offer the service on a permissive detariffed basis, effective April 1, 2017.

Ronan Telephone Company will post the rates, terms, and conditions of its Consumer Broadband Only Loop service to its website at www.ronan.net. The Company will also make physical copies of its offering reflecting the rates, terms, and conditions available for public inspection at its business office, at the address provided below:

Ronan Telephone Company
312 Main Street Southwest
Ronan, MT 59864

The permissive detariffing of Ronan Telephone Company's Consumer Broadband Only Loop offering will apply to the entirety of the Company's study area.

Ronan Telephone Company currently offers its broadband services on a retail basis to its end users. The provision of the Consumer Broadband Only Loop service as a detariffed service will have no effect on these customers.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of Consumer Broadband Only Loop Service was served this ____ day of February, 2017, by sending via **certified first class mail return receipt requested** true and direct copies of, postage prepaid, to the following persons:

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Office of Governor Steve Bullock (Regular 1st Class Mail)
State Capitol
Helena, MT 59620-0801

Mr. Will Rosquist, Administrator (Hand Delivered)
Regulatory Division
Montana PSC
P.O. Box 202601
Helena, MT 59601

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Dear Customer,

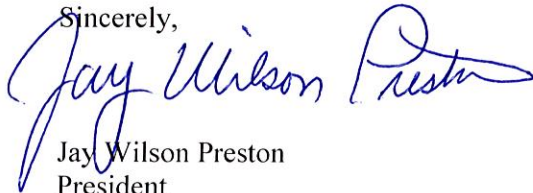
This is to notify you of a change in the way Ronan Telephone Company provides its Consumer Broadband Only Loop service.

Presently, Ronan Telephone Company provides its Consumer Broadband Only Loop service under a tariff through the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C No. 5. The Company will no longer offer such DSL transmission service pursuant to a Tariff effective April 1, 2017. On and after April 1, 2017 services will be made to you on a common-carrier, non-tariffed basis.

To view the rates, terms, and conditions of our Consumer Broadband Only Loop services, please visit the Company's website at www.ronan.net. In addition, printed copies of the rates, terms, and conditions will be available at our office, during normal business hours.

Please note that the existing relevant rates, terms, and conditions of your service will not change until the end of your existing term or upon replacement of a new agreement under the detariffed rates, terms, and conditions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay Wilson Preston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jay" being the most prominent.

Jay Wilson Preston
President
Ronan Telephone Company